



Proclamation

Presented to the

Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission

WHEREAS, April 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly referred to as the federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i has a strong commitment to the principles of fair housing, grounded in protracted efforts to dismantle residential segregation and segregated neighborhoods, which culminated in the 1967 enactment of Chapter 515 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, the state's Fair Housing Act, a year before enactment of the federal Fair Housing Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and Chapter 515 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes are the principal instruments for combating discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, color, ancestry/national origin, religion or sex; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act and Chapter 515 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes have since been expanded to prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability and familial status; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 515 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes has since been expanded to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, age, and human immunodeficiency virus infection; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Department of Human Services, Hawai'i Disability Rights Center, City and County of Honolulu, Counties of Hawai'i, Maui, and Kauai, and Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i are committed to working together to end housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of fair housing rights is a critical component of eliminating housing discrimination in Hawai'i;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

"FAIR HOUSING AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and urge all citizens, agencies and institutions in this state, to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Act and Chapter 515 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes and support an end to housing discrimination.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this ninth day of April 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i